DATE OF ALGER'S GOING

His Retirement Said to Be Set for January 2, 1900.

Report Has It That President Mc-Kinley Conceded That the War Kinley Conceded That the War Secretary Be Allowed to Write His Beport on the Spanish-American Conflict-General Miles in Charge. Conflict-General Miles in Charge.

the War Department who does not believe lck B. Nellson, formerly of Philadelphia that Mr. Alger's resignation will be forth-compared by the completes his report merly captain and assistant adjutant gencoming as soon as he completes his report on the Sapaish-American war.

event had been set-January 2, 1900-and that Gen. Horace Forter, now Ambassador

fought under his direction.

In this request, it is understood, there is also something like an implied threat that if the Secretary is forced out of the Cablact unceremoniously he will feel that he is free to say what he pleases about the Administration, and that the disclosures he could make are of a nature not calcu-lated to augment the McKinley boom for

Officials of the War Department, who are chose to the Secretary, reductantly admit close to the Secretary, reductantly admit that Secretary Alger has at last realized that what he has been pleased to term the "abuse of the press" has a real founda-tion in the desires of the ambitious friends

It is understood that those solicitous for

interests of the President are satisfied with this understanding and are now very anxious to have the matter silenced for the time being. In the absence of Secretary Alger no

new measures are being innugurated at the War Department. Assistant Secretary Melkiejohn is in the West and, according to an order issued by President McKinley two years ago, General Miles, the Commanding General of the Army, becomes Acting Secretary of War. General Miles, it is understood, would regard it as very discourseous on his part to do other than sign the necessary routine business papers. eral was not overwhelmed with this kind of business today, however. He still occupied his office at army headquar-ters and there was no unusual bustle or

eral Miles had nothing whatever to say today concerning the matter. His be-ing the head of the War Department for the time being he regards as merely a

THE BURNSIDE IN QUARANTINE de She Arrived Last Night From San Juan and Santiago.

New York, July 15.-The United States transport Burnside, which arrived at Quarantine last night from San Juan and Santingo, is this morning being subjected to a thorough inspection by the quarantine officials. Because of the yellow fever epi-demic at Santiago the vessel was not al-lowed to embark any freight or take any

passengers at the infected port.
The body of Lee Linn, a clerk in the Subristence Department, who died of heart diesase, after leaving San Juan, was sent ashore for interment.

DELAYED BY TYPHOONS.

Stormy Weather and Rain at Negros Prevent Transports Sailing. The War Department received the fol-

lowing cablegram this morning: Cerbin, Adjetant General, Washington, D. C. Twenty inches rain in Joly, attended by a phonon, made landing transports impossible to unload Sixth Infant antil last day or two. Californiam now leading Colorados leave tomorrow on Warren. Idaho North Bakotas, and Wyomings next week, see as transports can be coaled.

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POSTOFFICE CLAIMS

Losses by the Government Last Year Comparatively Small.

Under certain circumstances when the stoffice Department is convinced that losses of stamps, money order funds, etc., were not incurred through the carelessness or other fault of the postmaster the de-partment is permitted by law to make good postmaster the loss.

1899, such losses were comparatively very small. On June 30, 1898, there were 260 claims still unaccounted for, and during the year 1,180 claims were filed. Of the total 1,448 claims 1,115 were settled during the year and 4 claims previously disallowed were allowed during the year. The total mount of these claims was \$81,713. brough fire the postmasters lost \$17,618, which \$764 was in postal funds, \$16,491 in stamps, and \$363 in money order funds,

in transit. The bulk of the losses was in stamps \$55,236, but as the stamps lost by fire can never be used and as few of the stolen stamps are ever disposed of by the thieves the loss to the Government on this account is very small.

Use for the Reinn Mercedes.

Manchester, N. H., July 15.-Congressman Sulloway, who just returned from Washington, says the Reina Mercedes, the late Spanish cruiser, will be sent to Portsmouth many yard, refitted and used as a receiving ship there. Massachusetts, he says, has got the old frighte Constitution away from New Hampshire and the Meries will be given to this State as con

The Force of the Thirty-first. Lexington, July 15 .- The Thirty-first Regiment, being recruited at Fort Thomas, for service in the Philippines, now has 257 men enlisted. It is estithat the regiment will be complete within

\$10 to Ningara Falls and Return. Special train, via Pennsylvania Railroad, July 27.

Indianapolis and Return via B. & O., \$16,00.

count Epworth League Convention. Tickets July 18-19, good to return until 24th, and be extended until August 20. Flynn's Business College, 5th and E \$5 Summer Course; Day or Night \$5.

Frank Libbey & Co. keep lumber for

everybody at 6th st. and N. Y. ave.

TO SERVE IN THE ARMY.

Another List of Officers Appointed by the President. The following appointments in the vol

unteer army were made today: To be captains-Adam C. Carson, formerly captain, Company F, Fourth United States Volunteer Infantry; Henry A. Peed, formerly captain, L. Fourth Missouri Vol-unteers; William J. White, formerly cap-tain, K. Second Ohio Volunteers.

Conflict—General Miles in Charge.

In the absence of Secretary Alger from the city, rumors are again in the air as to his looked-for retirement from the Cabinet. There is no one connected with the War Department who does not believe like B. Nellson, formerly of philadelphia. the Sapaish-American war.

It was stated today that a date for the levent had been set—January 2, 1800—and that Gen. Horace Forter, now Ambassador to France, will then be named to succeed for the levent had been set—January 2, 1800—and that Gen. Horace Forter, now Ambassador to France, will then be named to succeed for the levent had been set—January 2, 1800—and that Gen. Horace Forter, now Ambassador linfantry; Charles O. Thomas, ir., formerly captain, Tenth United States Volunteer ly captain, Tenth United States Volunteer. him.

'Aire Secretary's friends, it is said, have desisted from urging anything further than that he be allowed to write with his own hand the story of the war which was fought under his direction.

In this request, it is understood, there is her symmetry private Company E, First Illinois; John Airden Degen, formerly corporal Company R. Seventh United States Volunteers. John Aitden Degen, formerly corporal Com-pany M. Seventh United States Infantry; Clark R. Elliott, formerly second lieuten-ant, Fifteenth Minnesota Volunteers; Roy L. Fernald, formerly of Company C. Seventh United States Infantry; Albert U. Faulk-ner, formerly private Troop C, New York Cavalry; Francis Wharton Griffin, form-erly first lieutenant, Third United States Volunteer Infantry; Carl Harden, formerly corporal Troop I. Second United States Volcorporal Troop I, Second United States Vol-unteer Cavalry; Robert S. Knox, formerly second lieutenant Virginia Volunteer In-fantry, Max Wagner, formerly second lieu-tenant United States Volunteer Signal Corps; John N. Wright, formerly second lieutenant Fourth United States Volunteer proscure. He was leath to believe this, it is infantry; Guy A. Boyle, formerly second infantry; Guy A. Boyle, formerly first lieutenant before he departed for Long Branch from tenant and adjutant Fifteenth Indiana; courses which he could not doubt.

The Secretary was for the first time swakened from his childlike lunacione. gan, jr., formerly first Heutenant, Second South Carolina Volunteers; James A. Simp-son, formerly First Heutenant Fourth Kensaid, and, feeling burt and sore, said he son, formerly First lieutenant Fourth Ken-ould resign when his report had been tucky; Louie St. Clair Munford, formerly second lieutenant, Second Alabama Volun teer Infantry: Frederick Harvey Plummer, formerly second lieutenant, Fourth Virginia formerly second lieut Volunteer Infantry.

LIVELY RIOTS AT CHERBOURG. A Serious Affray Started by Marine

Infantry Troops. Paris, July 15,-After the display of fireworks at Cherbourg last evening a disturbance arose, in the course of which the marine infantry destroyed the decorations and handled the police very roughly. Sixty arrests had been made up to midnight, at which hour order had not been restored. A later dispatch says that many troops and police were on duty all night and nuus additional arrests were made. Early this morning the rioters besieged the police station, demanding the release of their comrades. The rioters tried to prosoldiers by insulting cries, but the military was unmoved by the shouts

of the mob The "Petit Bleu" says that M. Quesnay de Beaurepaire is expected to arrive at Rennes today, Major Carriere, the government commissioner charged with the preparation of the case against Dreyfus in the coming court-martial having summoned him for the purpose of examination in regard to new evidence M. de Beaurepaire is

to testify to. The "Libre Parole" learns that General Pellieux was deprived of his command on the parade ground last evening.

THE FRENCH COLONIAL OFFICE.

Official Notice of Enquiries That Will He Responded To.

Consul Skinner, of Marseilles, under date of June 6, 1899, says:

The Chamber of Commerce of Marseilles informs the commercial world, upon the authority of the minister for the colonies, of the organization of a colonial office. The administrators of this office hold themselves in readiness to respond to enquiries made verbally or in writing on the follow-

1. Upon territorial concession that are obtainable in the various French colonies, the capital necessary to exploit them, the nature of crops suitable for them, the cost of common labor, the climate—in a word, to all that concerns the exploitation of any portion of the French domain. 2. Upon the materials and products that Eu-ropean France should obtain from various locali-ties in its several colonies for its own agriculture,

manufactures, or commerce.

3. Upon the French products that should be marketable in the colonies or protectorates of

France.

4. Upon the tariffs, port charges, cost of freight by land or sea, cost of labor in connection with handling of incoming or outgoing freight.
5. Upon public works and enterprises of all orts, in progress or contemplated, upon quar-ries, mines, etc., in the colonies.

The colonial office is established at the Palais Royal, Gallery of Orleans, Paris.

THE FINANCES OF SPAIN. A Noisy Discussion in the Madrid

Chamber of Deputies. Madrid, July 15 .- In the Chamber of Deputies today Senor Romero Y. Robledo Burglars carried off \$56,710 in all of which they secured from the postal funds they secured from the postal funds \$18,290, \$38,546 in stamps and \$7,874 in money order funds. Floods and storms ruined \$151 in stamps and mice and rats attacked the present regime, against which raised a discussion in regard to the gift spoiled \$42 worth. Petty thieves stole attack the Mouarchists vehemently pro-fal,199 in postal funds and \$1,490 in money order funds, while \$236 in postal funds in the Queen Regent vociferously. The and \$4,495 in money order funds, was lost greatest uproar prevailed and the president restored order with the utmost diffi-

culty. Options on Copper Lands.

Hagerstown, Md., July 15.-Sixteen options on various large tracts of land on the Blue Ridge Mountains in Washington and Frederick counties have been filed for record in the court house at Hagerstown. The options were recently secured by a syndicate which has revived the old search for copper in the South Mountains.

A Street Railway Sued for \$20,000 Norfolk, Va., July 15.-John Rixey Smith has brought suit in the court of law and chancery against the Norfolk Street Railroad Company for \$20,000 dam-ges. Mr. Smith was struck by a broken trolley wire about two weks ago and re ceived a severe shock, which paralyzed his entire left side for a time.

Luray Caverns via B. & O., \$3.50. Thursday, July 20. Special train from B. & depot, 8:15 a. m.; \$3.50 for the round trip, notuding admission to the caverns.

Get our cash prices on Paints, Olla end glass. P. S. Warren Co., 515 Ninth nw. One Fare to Indianapolis and Return

via Pennsylvania Railroad For International Convention, Epworth League, at Indianapolis, tickets will be sold July 18 and 19 at rate of one fare for the round trip. For details, see ticket agents.

Our cargoes of boards at \$1.25 per

WASHINGTON, SATURDAY, JULY 15, 1899.

Trial Spin of the Shamrock in Southampton Water.

With Mainsail, Foresail, Topsail. and Jib, the Cup Challenger Makes a Superb Appearance-Bowling Ahend in a Spanking Breeze, She Excites Admiration of Observers.

Southampton, July 15 .- The Shamrock and a trial spin this morning. She cruised in Southampton water under mainsail and foresail and proceeded through the West Channel into the Solent, where she hoisted her jackyard topsail and jib. Here the yacht caught a spanking breeze and behaved superbly. The spectators were immensely pleased with her speed and appearance.

The Shamrock left her moorings at Hythe at 11 o'clock, the Satanita following. The Britannia went out at 1 p. m. carrying a topsail. Sir Thomas Lipton, with a party of friends on board the steam yacht

Erin, accompanied the Shamrock, Captain Carter said this morning that there would be no trial between the Shamrock and the Britannia today, the object of the latter boat going out being merely to adjust her compasses. Many believed that there was to be a trial, but the Britannia was only towed around the harbor and did not set her sails. The Shamrock had a larger jackyard topsail and jib topsail than when she was last seen. The place of next Tuesday's trial be-tween the Shamrock and Britannia is still

The Shamrock, off Noman, late this afternoon carried away what is supposed to have been her throat halliards and is re-

HOW THE CZAREWITCH DIED.

turning to Cowes.

Statement Published in the St. Petersburg "Official Messenger." St. Petersburg, July 15.-The "Official Messenger" publishes the following ac-

count of the death of the Czarewitch: "At 9 o'clock a. m., July 10, the Czarewitch rode out on a benzine motor veloci-He rapidly went two versts from Abbas Tuman, when he turned. A peasant woman noticed that he had slackened his pace and was spitting blood. The Czare-witch stopped his machine and alighted, swaying as he did so. The peasant woman asked what was the matter, and the Grand Duke replied, 'Nothing.' The woman bathed his temples and mouth, but death so supervened, coming painlessly."

CROKER'S HORSE A WINNER. Knickerbocker, Ridden by Reiff, Car

tures the Cobham Plate. London, July 15 .- At Sandown Park to day, the Cobham Plate of 200 sovereigns for three-year-olds and upward, five furlongs, was won by Mr. Richard Croker's Knickerbocker, ridden by L. Reiff. Mr. Rhodes' Dominican was second, and Mr. Bishop's Dielytra third. There were fif-

teen starters.

The National Breeders' produce stakes of 5,000 sovereigns (for the produce of mares covered in 1895), five furlongs, was won by Lord William Beresford's (Mr. P. Lorillard's) ch. c. Democrat, by Sensation-Equality, ridden by Sloan. Mr. R. A. Brice's Forafarshire was second and Mr. Brydges Willyams' Salina, ridden by L. Reiff, third. Eleven horses ran. The race for the Warren Nursery stakes

of 500 sovereigns, five furlongs, was won by Lord William Beresford's Pedometer, ridden by Sloan. Major J. Edwards' Robin was second and Mr. Fairies' Chiliagoe third. Sixteen horses ran.

FELL UPON IRON SPIKES.

Charles Mallon Killed by Falling From a Window.

New York, July 15.-Charles J. Mallon, who stood six feet three inches in his stocking feet, and weighed 330 pounds, early this morning fell through a window of his residence at 457 West Fifty-second Street, landing on the spikes of an iron fence, and receiving injuries of which he died in a few minutes. How Mailon came to fall from the window will never be known. He and his three sons were sitchatting together at mid-A few minutes later the three lads retired, leaving their father alone. La ter Mrs. Mallon called out to her sons were still awake, asking where their father was, and upon making an investigation, the victim was found dying in the front yard.

SOCIAL ALLIANCE PROTESTS.

Objections to Patriotic Orations

Independence Day. Boston, July 15.-Mayor Quincy has recived a protest from the Social Alliance secause of the character of the Independ ence Day oration. Not only does the so ciety protest against the noise before and after the celebration, the finging of bells, the blowing of horns, and the firing of cannon crackers, but the Fourth of July ora or is something which they especially feel

called upon to protest about.

This year the address was delivered by former Mayor Matthews, who spoke in favor of expansion. With regard to this members of the society say the oration given this year is a sample of attempts at liberty's assassination. The crime was not merely the defence of imperialism, but the selection of a servant of the corporation as the mouthpiece of the civic conscience. They call for two orators, one of whom shall speak for the people, and declare that if the change does not come that a society—the sons of liberty organized for the pur--will carry on the work of properly educating the people.

Barr Held in Norfolk

Norfolk, Va., July 15 .- T. J. Barr, ar rested here on the charge of check flashing, had a preliminary hearing in police court vesterday. Barr was held, without bail, for the grand jury. The worthless checks were drawn on the Lincoln National Bank of Washington, D. C., and were signed by J. H. Calston & Co. Barr is wanted in Washington for check flashing.

Spanish Peanuts Selling High. Petersburg, Va., July 15 .- Several hunired bags of Spanish peanuts were sold here yesterday at \$1.05 per bushel. This is the highest price that has been obtained for these nuts here since the year 1891 e time they have been quoted at \$1 per bushel.

\$1.25 to Baltimore and Return via B & O. Saturday and Sunday,

R. & O. Week-End Country Excu sions.

Tickets sold Saturdays and Sundays, good to return until Monday following, at greatly re-duced rates from Washington to Charlestown. Frederick, Annapolis Junction, and intermediate

150,000 square feet of \$1.25 board now affoat, ready to deliver soon.

MURDER IN THE YUKON REGION

One of a New Orleans Party Shoot Two Companions. Seattle, Wash., July 15 .- A double mur der is reported from Anvick, on the lower Yukou. On June 27 John Holmes Bird shot and killed J. H. Herling and so seriously wounded R. H. Patterson that he died five months later. The three men, with Charles Sheffler and a woman named Strong, came from New Orleans. They traveled north on the bark Rufus Wood from San Francisco and stopped for the winter near Anvick.

One day Herling asked for a division of the provisions, as he wished to go to work for the Transparents of Company.

the provisions, as he wished to go to work for the Transportation Company. Bird, who was jealous of Herling's attentions to the Strong woman, became enraged at this and shot Herling dead. Then he reloaded and turned the gun on Patterson. The latter jumped into the Yukon after being shot in the head and shoulders. He was rescued by Sheffler and the Strong woman. They buried Herling near by and tried to take care of Patterson. The Rev. John Chapman, an Episcopal minister on the Yukon, finally discovered the cause of Patterson's illness, and got Engineer Wallace H. Blane, of the Government launch Nordica, to arrest Bird for murder. Patterson died shortly after. Bird is to be taken to Sitks for trial. He says he ki led the men to foil a conspiracy to rob and the men to foil a conspiracy to rob and

CASHIER VALENTINE'S CRIME. His Defaleation Said to Aggregate

at Least \$145,000. New Brunswick, N. J., July 15 .- It is now stated that Cashier George L. Valentine's defaication amounts to \$145,000 at least. Valentine, who wrecked the Middlesex county bank of Perth Amboy, spent a poor night on his iron cot in the Middle-sex county jail. He was up early and told Deputy Sheriff Wesner, that he had not slept. He seemed to have a great load off

slept. He seemed to have a great load off his mind, however.
The young cashler, who is just thirty-three, sent back the cards of the newspaper men with the answer that he would not talk until he had consulted with his counsel. Edward M. Savage, of Rahway. It was with a clerk of Mr. Savage's office that Valentine made his trip from New York to this city yesterday afternoon and gave himself up to Prosecutor Voorhees. Valentine fold Deputy Sheriff Wesner that he had expected to see some of his relatives before this, and especially his father, Robert M. Valentine, of Woodbridge, who is worth half a million and is on the young man's bond. No communication whatever man's bond. No communication whateve came from the Valentine family.

MAJOR J. L. FOWLER DEAD.

He Dies from Gastritis on the Steam ship Ella, from Gibara. New York, July 15 .- The Munson line

steamship Ella arrived at quarantine this morning from Baracoa, Gibara, and Nuvitas with twenty-one cabin passengers. On July 11 Major J. L. Fowler, of the Tenth U. S. Cavalry, died of gastritis. The body was placed in an airtight casket and rought to this port.

Major Fowler was fifty-two years old, and had been ill for some time previous to his departure from Gibara. His son resides in Denver, Col. There was no other sickness during the voyage.

KILLED BY THE KISSING BUG. A Young Woman at Waterloo, Iowa

Fatally Stung. Waterloo, Iowa, July 15.-The kissing bug has made its appearance in this vicinity, Miss Mary Vaugh, of Cedar Falls, dying Thursday evening of the effects of its poisonous sting, and the four-year-old poisonous sting, and the four-year-old daughter of William Christopherson, of this city, felt its dangerous caress yesterday.

Miss Vaugh was bitten a week ago, but not realizing any danger failed to call a physician until Monday when it was too late. Her face was swollen until she was

physician until Monday when it was too late. Her face was swollen until she was unrecognizable, and the swelling spread to her chest, shoulers and arms. The marks of the incision usually made by the kissing were apparent. A physician was in attendance upon Christopherson's child as soon as the poison developed and little fear is apprehended in her case. uccess in securing signatures

ANOTHER FEUD IN KENTUCKY. The Warmans Start Out to Externinate the Sorrells.

Louisville, Ky., July 15.-A new feud has developed in Rowan county, the scene of the bloody Tolliver feud, and a sheriff's posse may fight a bloody battle today The trouble is between the Warmans and the Sorrells. The Warmans started out yesterday to exterminate the Sorrells, who took refuge in a storehouse, and being well armed, kept off their enemies. Shermans, but they massed in a stable, and ordered the officers to leave or they would open fire. The sheriff left. This morning the following message was received by the sheriff:

"Farmer, Ky., July 15.

J. Farley, Sheriff, Moorehead, Ky.:
"Want you to come at once and arres arrest the Warmans; danger. M. SORRELL."

The sheriff will take a posse tonight, and go after them, with orders to bring them dead or alive. The Warmans are a error to the people in their neighborhood. said that they have made two famiies leave their homes.

Escaped From the Guardhouse. New Rochelle, N. Y., July 15.-James Patten and Albert Griffen, aged twentyfour and twenty-six years respectively escaped from the guardhouse at Fort Slocum on David's Island, where they were awaiton David's Island, where they were awaiting court-martial, late yesterday afternoon, or early last night. Both men are privates in the Seventh Artillery and were of ugly disposition. Patter is said to have assaulted an officer and Griffen was arrested for insubordination. Both enlisted from New York and the police of that city have been asked by the military authorities to search for them. Last night Policeman Cody, of the local force, visited all the

places where the soldiers stop in New tochelle, but could not find anyone answerng the description of the missing men. Murdered and Robbed by Negroes. Joplin, Mo., July 15 .- A murder and robbery by two unknown negroes at Shoal Creek across the Kansas line occurred Thursdey night. John T. Terbin and Mose Locke, prominent Galena mining men. were en route to Vinita, I. T., on horse-back. Late last night they were stopped by two negroes near Shoal Creek close to Lowell Station who forced them to get off their horses. The negroes opened fire on the white men. Locke escaped in the darkases and got back to Galena this morning. Searching parties went out and found Ter-Searching parties went out and found Ter-bin's dead body with two bullet holes through it. The negroes took the white men's horses and escaped.

Lady Salisbury Recovering. London, July 15.—Lady Salisbury passed a good night and is progressing favorably

toward recovery. Bay Ridge Attractions. Coney Island steeple chase, Ferris wheel, gravity railroad, continuous performance at Bijou Thestre, German roof garden, sail boats, bathing, fishing, and emblishe, and many other attractions for amusement and entertainment. Music by Naval Academy Bund. Sea food dinner 50 cents. Trains from B. & O. Depot, 9:30 a. m. and 4:30 p. m. week days. 9:35 a. m., 1:30, and 3:15 p. m. Sandays. Bate, 50c for adults, 25c for children.

Our cargo in of 300,000 feet \$1.25 boards; not yet all sold; have some left for you. I are below the price other dealers ask.

Secretary Gage Names a Committee to Investigate.

To Determine Whether the Contractor or the Government Must Foot the Bill for the Damage-The Loss Estimated at About Five Thousand Dollars-Replastering Corridors.

out from \$4,000 to \$5,000 to repair the damage caused by the brisk blaze in the oom in which the fire occurred is a complete wreck and the west, north, and east corridors, which were badly blackened, will have to be replastered, calcimined, and frescoed.

Postmaster Merritt says work of repair. ing the damage will begin at once, as it will take about a month to complete the work. In his judgment, the fire will cause no delay in the occupancy of the-building by the Postoffice Department.

"I heard the news of the fire in my coun "I heard the news of the fire in my country home about 11 o'clock last night," said the Postmaster to a Times reporter today, "but did not come in, as I was informed that the blaze, which was confined to one room, had been extinguished. Everything is moving along the same assusual this morning," he added, "and the malls went out on schedule time last night, just the same as if nothing had happened to cause excitement. The damage is confined to the second floor just above the central portion of the building." the central portion of the building

Postmaster Merritt, accompanied by the Times reporter, visited the scene of the fire. The walls in the corridors on the second floor are blackened and the woodwork badly blistered. The room or closet where the fire originated is a complete wreck. A large part of the damage was done by the dirt caused by the fire and by done by the dirt caused by the fire and by the water, which flowed pretty freely.
Secretary Gage, after reading the report of the fire in this morning's papers, appointed the following committee to make an investigation to determine the responsibility for it, as the Postoffice biulding is now under the control of the Chief Clerk of the Treasury, the Supervising Architect having turned the building over some weeks ago: Chief Clerk Swayze, Executive Clerk Kemper, of the Supervising Architect's Office; Superintendent of Construction Forshy, and Mr. Jamison, foreman of the cabinet shops.

The committee this forenoon visited the Postoffice building and inspected the room where the fire is said to have started, and

where the fire is said to have started, and examined the watchmen and other em-ployes who were in that part of the build-ing at the time. The committee spent near-ly an hour in its investigation. Chief Clerk

ly an hour in its investigation. Chief Clerk Swayze said this committee may have a meeting later this evening, but more likely it would do nothing further until Monday. The committee expects to be able to re-port to Secretary Gage sometime next week. On their report will depend the question of who must stand the loss—the United States Government or the contract-or who is putting the building in condition or who is putting the building in condition for the Postoffice Department.

THE JUSTICESHIP CONTEST. the Friends of Some Candidates Are

Busy Circulating Petitions. There were no new developments today in the fight for the justiceship, made vacant by the retirement of Walter S. Cox

of circulating petitions, endorsing that of circulating petitions, endorsing Bundy for debt by Capt. G. Rodney Burt.

arrangements to have them taken where their favorities, are said to be very active. The amount claimed by Mr. Burt is \$35.34, they wanted to go, but the men were notoday, and are meeting with considerable

MR. GAGE WILL REPLY. Secretary McAneny's Civil Service

Secretary Gage has decided to reply to the open letter of George McAneny, secretary of the National Civil Service Reform League. The Secretary will not answer the letter in detail, but will select, it is said, a few of the inaccuracies claimed to be in the letter and answer them. Frineds of the Secretary say that as part f the league's letter is misleading, the

whole of it must be based on error. A STREET RAILWAY SUED.

W. J. Mearns Claims Damages From

the Capital Traction Company. William J. Mearns today, through his atorneys, J. Walter Wheatley and A. A. apscomb, filed suit against the Capital Traction Company for \$5.000, claimed as famages for personal injuries to the plain-tiff, by reason of alleged negligence on he part of the defendant company Mearns states that on May 7 last, while ne was a passenger aboard one of the cars of the Capital Traction Company, near the Rock Creek Bridge, he was struck by one of the trolley poles of the old Chevy Chase road, which were still standing over the lines operated by the defendant company's inderground trolley system. He says his right hip, both shoulders, and his side were painfully and seriously injured, incapaci-tating him from labor for more than two

months. In the case of Leander Van Riswick against Lillie M. Beall and others, Chief Justice Bingham today signed a decree in favor of the complainant, ordering the property in question to be sold at public me time since the complainant, through Attorneys Lambert & Lambert, filed a bill in equity alleging that he and the defendants held as tenants in common ots 1 and 2 in square 701; that he had spent over \$1,000 more than his proportion in the preservation of the property and because no division could be had in kind. the ocurt was asked to decree sale and di vide the proceeds as each might he enti-tled. By the terms of the decree, the ownership of the title is vested in Wilton ees to make sale, the cause is referred to the auditor to state what if anything is due complainant on account of alleged advances and what each party in interest is entitled to. Charles Bendheim represents

Fire Caused by Gasoline. A slight fire occurred at 930 Cullinane's Alley southwest, at about noon today, caused by the explosion of a gasoline stove. The damage was \$25.

\$3.50 Special Grand Excursion, \$3.50 To Fort Monroe, Nerfolk, Virginia Beach, and Ocean-View, via Norfolk and Washington steam-ers, Saturday, 6:30 p. m. Tickets to Fort Mon-roe and Norfolk, good to return Sunday night, \$1.25 to Harper's Ferry and Return

Special train leaves B. & Ö. depot 8:30 a. m. Sunday, July 16. Returning, leaves Harper's Ferry p. m. same day. Our best boards at \$1.25 per 100 feet A MORMON PATRIARCH.

in Interesting Visitor From Utah

A Mormon patriarch, who was driver from Norvoo, Ill., in 1846, with the first band of pilgrims of that faith who crossed the western plains and settled in Utah visited the White House with his nineteen year-old daughter this morning.

George B. Matson is the old gentleman's name, and with his long white beard and quaint manner he presented a striking contrast to the sightseers who daily frequent the mansion. Mr. Matson is the proud possessor of a handsome gold medal, pre sented to him at the Pioneer Jubilee held According to Postmaster Merritt it will in Salt Lake City in 1897. The medal commemorates the fact that Matson and 143 others were the only living members of new Postoffice building last night. The that first ploneer party who crossed the plains in the "prairie schooner."

Mr. Matson's mental and physical fac ulties are perfect with the exception of a talked interestingly on the patriotism of the Mormon people as a whole, and said that the large amount of gossip circulated in fact.

He wanted particularly to deny the re-cent story that the president of the Mor-mon church had been arrested for having

"The man in trouble is Mr. Cannon," said Mr. Matson, "but he is not the president of the Mormon church. Lorenzo Snow is the president of the church." The Mr. Cannon referred to as being arrested is an uncle of former Senator Cannon, of an uncle of former Senator Cannon, of Utah, and a brother to the Senator's father who was at one time a Congressman from that State.

Mr. Matson is personally acquainted with Representative-elect Roberts and asserts emphatically that if he is given his seat in congress he will be second to no man there in the matter of brains and brilliancy. "Mr. Roberts is a very unostentatious man," continued Mr. Matson. "He does not say much about the fuss that is being

raised about his election in the East, but he certainly has no other intention than to demand his seat in Congress."

Returning again to pioneer days Mr. Matson said that he built the fifth house that was erected in Salt Lake City,

answer to a question as to how many wives he had, Mr. Matson remarked that he never had but one. "One wife and one family was all I thought I needed," he soleinnly remarked.

Mr. Matson is now living on a mountain farm near Springville City on the line of the Denver and Rio Grande Railway. His Eastern trip is simply one of sightseeing and pleasure and he remarked that the railroads had graciously extended him un-asked passes. He leaves Washington to-morrow for the East.

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Senator McComas, of Maryland, called on President McKinley this morning. The Senator said he did not discuss the District Judgeship question, as he had been away and wanted first to have a talk with local attorney when he would see the President again on the mater. His visit of them had a cent and they are without friends in this city. trict judgeship question, as he had been he nway and wanted first to have a talk with local attorney when he would see the the President again on the mater. His visit of was on some minor Maryland matters which he declared were still in an unfinished state.

Admiral Cromwell, commandant of the Hawana naval station was presented to the in

The Dime Savings Bank was sued today office. efore Justice of the Peace Charles S. Bundy for debt by Capt, G. Rodney Burt.

the aggregate amount of two checks which where, to be found. he alleges the bank charged against him. Captain Burt claims that the checks were drawn on the Capital Trust Company and in the settlement of his account with that corporation were "checked up" or charged against him. When his balance with that company was made on March 1 last his hankbook, he alleges, shows a bal- Ky., where he has been in attendance upon ance in his favor of \$785.32. However, when the Capital Trust Company was merged into the Dime Savings Bank Capt. Burt alleges that the same two checks,

ating to \$35.34, were charged against him in that institution,
In substantiation of the statement that he drew the checks in question on the Capital Trust Company, he says that over the name of that corporation is posted on a slip of paper the name of the Dime Sav-

S. O. Scott, of the Dime Savings Bank, has been summoned as a witness on behalf of the plaintiff. The Dime Savings Bank has also been summoned through a sub-poena duces tecum, to appear with books

NAVAL OFFICERS' MILEAGE

The Decision of the Assistant Comptroller Anxiously Awaited.

The Paymaster General of the Navy has referred the question of mileage contained in the Navy Personnel act to Assistant Comptroller L. P. Mitchell for construc-Comptroller L. P. Mitchell for construc-tion. Under the old law naval officers were allowed 8 cents per mile without jestric-tion. Army officers are only allowed 7 allowed 8 cents per mile without restriction. Army officers are only allowed 7 cents per mile, and are restricted 'n this that they must make application for transportation and wherever possible travel on

and grant railroads. In the Navy Personnel act this clause appears: "Officers of the navy shall have the same pay and allowances as officers of the same rank in the army." Naval officers are deeply interested in this question of mileage which is pending before the Assistant Comptroller of the Treasury. The item of 1 cent figures up in the course

number of recruits secured yesterday for the volunteer regiments was made public today at the War Department; Twentysixth Regiment, 49; Twenty-seventh, 81; Twenty-eighth, 47; Twenty-ninth, 9; Thirtieth, 46; Thirty-first, 72; Thirty-sec-ond, 52; Thirty-third, 14; Thirty-fourth, 17; Thirty-fifth, 1. The number of enlist ments yesterday, 388; grand total, 1,512.

Go to Chantauqua Via Pennsylvania Railroad excursion, 7:55 a. r train, July 28; \$10 round trip.

Pennsylvania Railroad, July 28. 7:55 a. n

\$1.25 To Baltimore and Re- \$1.25 turn via Penusylvania Railroad. Tickets on sale Saturday and Sunday, July 15 and 16, good to return until Monday, July 17, All trains except Congressional Limited.

l always receive careful and low bids.

pects and locked up by the detectives Thursday night, were turned loose this orning, penniless and downcast. There was absolutely nothing against the men and, while they were under arrest, Mickslight nervous affection in his speech. He ens, it is claimed, was deprived of every cent he possessed through the machinations of a colored lawyer who told the throughout the East was generally lacking man he could secure his release. No one could release the incarcerated men except the district attorney, and he did so without onsulting the lawyer in the matter.

Guiltless Suspects Free, But With-

out a Penny.

Incarceration Cost Harmless Colored

Rustics All Their Funds-They

Were on Their Way to New York,

Where They Had Work-Start on

a Long Walk Back to Their Home,

Peter Mickens and Abraham See, the

two colored men who were arrested as sus-

The men were arrested on the suspicion that they were concerned in the murder of Rabbi Louis Ginsburg, at Binghamton, N. Y., on July 4. They did not answer the description of the murderers and the de-tectives were satisfied that they were not the men, as soon as they saw them in daylight.

The two suspects came from Orange unty, Va., and were on their way North where both had work promised them. When they arrived in the city they went to a cheap lodginghouse and retired. During the night the detectives learned that two strange men were in the house and were very uncommunicative. The men be-longed to an ignorant class of colored peo-ple who are easily frightened and, this be-

ple who are easily frightened and, this being their first visit to the city, they were
suspicious of everybody they saw.

When the de ettives came into the froom
they were frightened by the questions asked and tried to seek safety in light.
This precipitated a fight, and one of the
men drew a revolver and tried to fire at
one of the detectives. The weapon falled
to work and the stout resistance made by
the men was taken as a proof that they to work and the stout resistance made by the men was taken as a proof that they had done something they did not want to be questioned about. They were over-powered, taken to the stationhouse, and

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WHITE HOUSE CALLERS.

Admiral Cromwell Reports on Havann's Sanitary Condition.

Former Senator John L. Wilson, of Washington, was at the White House this morning. Mr. Wilson said he "was after nothing" and consequently had no views.

Senator McCompany of Maryland, called Senator McCompany of Maryland, called Senator McCompany of Maryland, called Detective Lacy went to see District At-

friends in this city. They were about as far from their homes in Virginia as they were from their north-ern destination, with no means of going Admiral Cromwell, comments and the President this morning by Secretary Long.

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The commander brings a very flattering report in all respects. There has been but one case of yellow fever in Havana, and the sanitary condition of the city is excellent. It is said to have taken their muncy. He refused to give them any assistance whatever, and they started on a long walk home.

After the men had gone, Major Sylvester tried to find them again. He had made

AT THE CENSUS BUREAU.

Appointment Clerk Langley Returns From Kentucky. Appointment Clerk Langley, of the Census Bureau, has returned from Lexington. the Republican State convention. The lapel of his cost this morning was adorned with a large campaign button, showing the face of W. S. Taylor, the Republican nominee for Governor. Mr. Langley is trying to

ispose of accumulated business. All but 34 of the 300 census supervisors have now been agreed on by Director Mer-riam. It is believed the remaining thirty-four will be selected by the end of the month. From what could be learned this norning, it is not likely that the directo will confer with President McKinley on the appointment of the supervisors before the

ist of August. BIDS FOR A NEW SCHOOL.

Three Contractors Submit Proposal to the Commissioners. Proposals for the erection of the first of the series of public schools authorized in the last District appropriation bill, were opened at the District building at noon today. This school is to be located on Kenyon Street, between Thirteenth and

Only three contractors submitted pro only three contractors submitted pro-posals, their bids being as follows: Glee-son & Humphrey, \$31,500, with \$2,800 ad-ditional for fire proof first floor; George W. Cerbett, \$32,793.45, with \$3,600 addi-tional for fireproof first usor, and N. Ha-Thomas, \$28,840, with \$2,300 additional for fireproof first floor, and \$1,500 additional, if that amount is retained by the Commis-sioners as provided in the specifications. sioners as provided in the specifications. Only one bid for furnishing heating and Assistant Company of the state of the state of the state of a year's travel, and to be restricted in the matter of selecting a line of railroad is rather galling. Quite a number of navai officers have been ordered to distant points, but are still in the city waiting on this debut are still in the city waiting of the company of the company of the city waiting of the city waiti

Railroad Laws for Cuba.

The War Department has just completed translation of the law of railroads for the island of Cuba. The translation includes, among other things, regulations for the execution of the law with such additions up to date as are necessary to meet present requirements. The translation comprises between 5,000 and 5,000 words. The work will be ready for distribution on about Tuesday next.

Penusylvania Railroad. Tour to Ningara Falls. Special train,

Bay Ridge-Cool and Pleasant. The season at this delightful resort, embracing salt-water bathing and many movel attractions for musement and entertainment, on the Chesapeske Bay, is now at its height. Trains from B. & O. Repot week days 9:30 a. m. and \$:30 p. m. Sundays, 9:35 a. m., 1:30, and 3:15 p. m. Rate, 50 cents.

Doors, \$1.00. Blinds, \$1.00. Siding. \$1; window frames, \$1; common boards, \$1.

Carpenters who bring us their lists